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Review of Threat Perception
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government regularly reviews the threat perception from time to time and takes appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken to ensure maritime security and to increase the vigil on the international maritime border towards prevention of piracy;

(c) whether vessels and aircrafts of Coast Guard are regularly deployed for surveillance of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) to protect the Indian Fishing boats and fishermen;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Navy's budget has remained below twenty per cent of the total Defence budget, if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): Government attaches utmost importance to national security including maritime and coastal security. The issues related to maritime and coastal security are regularly reviewed at appropriate levels with National Committee on Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS), being the apex body for inter-ministerial and inter-agency coordination. The last meeting of NCSMCS was held on 14.03.2016. Further Government has been deploying one Indian Naval Warship in the Gulf of Aden for anti-piracy patrol since October 2008. Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard substantially increased anti-piracy deployment and surveillance in the East Arabian Sea since November 2010. Post 26/11, the Government has taken a number of measures to boost capacity and capabilities of Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard towards strengthening maritime and coastal security of the country. The vessels and aircraft of Coast Guard are regularly deployed for surveillance of the entire IMBL across the Indian Coastline to protect the Indian Fishing boats and fishermen.
(e) Yes, Madam. Indian Navy's budget has remained below 20% of the total Defence budget. However budget allotted to the Indian Navy in the past three Financial Years is as below:
Financial Year Budget at BE Stage
(Rs. in Crores)

2013-14 34,212.33
2014-15 35,190.60
2015-16 37,806.58

The force level preparedness is a dynamic and continuous process and is based upon the threat perception. All efforts are made to ensure availability of assets as per requirements.

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